

**Amendments to the claims:**

1-16 (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A rotary press apparatus comprising:  
a first ram rotatably coupled between a first rotating member and a second  
rotating member in an off-center position relative to a rotational axis of the first and  
second rotating members; and  
a second ram rotatably coupled between a third rotating member and a fourth  
rotating member in an off-center position relative to a rotational axis of the third and  
fourth rotating members; members;  
a first drive member coupled to the first rotating member; and  
a second drive member coupled to the second rotating member, wherein the  
first and second drive members cause the first, second, third, and fourth rotating  
members to rotate causing the first and second rams to travel along opposing paths.

18. (Original) An apparatus as defined in claim 17, wherein a first cutting tool  
member is coupled to the first ram.

19. (Original) An apparatus as defined in claim 18, wherein a second cutting tool  
member is coupled to the second ram in a substantially opposing relationship to the first  
cutting tool member.

20. (Original) An apparatus as defined in claim 19, wherein the first and second  
cutting tool members comprise a punch and die set.

21. (Original) An apparatus as defined in claim 19, wherein the first and second cutting tool members comprise a cut-off blade and ram set.

22. (Original) An apparatus as defined in claim 17, wherein the first and third rotating members are engaged in a direct drive configuration.

23. (Original) An apparatus as defined in claim 17, wherein a guide member is mechanically coupled to the first ram.

24. (Original) An apparatus as defined in claim 17, wherein a guide member is mechanically coupled to the second ram.

25. (Original) An apparatus as defined in claim 17, wherein the first ram is rotatably coupled to the first rotating member by a rotating bearing.

26. (Original) An apparatus as defined in claim 25, wherein the rotating bearing is rotatably coupled to a stub shaft protruding from the first rotating member.

27. (Original) An apparatus as defined in claim 17, wherein the first rotating member counter-rotates relative to the third rotating member during operation of the apparatus.

28-54 (Canceled)

55. (New) An apparatus as defined in claim 17, further comprising a motor coupled to the first and second drive members and configured to drive the first and second drive members.

56. (New) An apparatus as defined in claim 17, wherein the first, second, third, and fourth rotating members include spur gears.

57. (New) An apparatus as defined in claim 17, wherein the opposing paths are eccentric paths.

58. (New) An apparatus as defined in claim 17, wherein the first drive member is engaged to the first rotating member and wherein the second drive member is engaged to the second rotating member.